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SUBJECT: STATUS OF POLITICAL PRISONERS

1. SIXTEEN POLITICAL PRISONERS BEGAN A HUNGER STRIKE IN EMBOSCADA PRISON JUNE 10. THEY ARE DEMANDING THAT THEY BE SET FREE AND ARE PROTESTING THE LACK OF WATER AT EMBOSCADA. RELATIVES OF THE PRISONERS HAVE TOLD US THAT PRISONERS HAVE LOST HOPE BECAUSE NO ACTION IS BEING TAKEN IN THEIR CASES IN SPITE OF PERSISTENT RUMORS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS THAT THEIR SITUATION WILL BE CLARIFIED.

2. THREE OF THE HUNGER STRIKERS, SEVERO ACOSTA ARANDA, VIRGILIO BAREIRO, AND CARLOS JOSE SALABERRY WERE MOVED FROM EMBOSCADA TO CENTRAL POLICE STATION JUNE 14. THEY WERE TOLD THEY WERE BEING MOVED IN ORDER TO BEGIN JUDICIAL PROCESSING. ACOSTA AND BAREIRO ARE OLD-TIMERS WHO HAVE BEEN IN CUSTODY SINCE 1964.

3. EMBASSY PLANS TO RAISE JUNE 15 QUESTION OF HUNGER STRIKERS AND PRISONERS WHO HAVE BEEN MOVED BACK TO POLICE CUSTODY WITH GOP OFFICIALS.
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